

**Report to  
Rapport au:**

**Ottawa Board of Health  
Conseil de santé d'Ottawa  
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**Ward: CITY WIDE / À L'ÉCHELLE DE LA VILLE      File Number: ACS2023-OPH-BOH-0013**

**SUBJECT:** Attendance at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (alPHa) Fall Symposium

**OBJET:** Participation au symposium d'automne de l'Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa)

#### **REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Board of Health for the City of Ottawa Health Unit approve the participation of Chair Kitts, Vice-Chair DeGiovanni and Member Bauer at the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (alPHa) Fall Symposium, to be held November 24, 2023.**

#### **RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Conseil de santé de la circonscription sanitaire de la ville d'Ottawa approuve la participation de la présidente Kitts, la vice-présidente DeGiovanni et**

**le membre Bauer au symposium d'automne de l'Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), qui aura lieu le 24 novembre 2023.**

## **BACKGROUND**

Ottawa Public Health is an active member of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa). alPHa provides support for leadership in Ontario public health units, such as through training for Board of Health members on governance, and professional development for senior leaders in management. The Association also collaborates with governments and other health organizations, advocating for a strong, effective and efficient public health system in the province. Membership includes Board of Health Members, Medical Officers of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health, as well as senior public health managers and affiliate members.

Participation in alPHa meetings is strongly encouraged, including by the Medical Officer of Health and/or Associate Medical Officers of Health and, whenever possible, Members of the Board of Health. alPHa regularly holds three meetings per year, including an Annual General Meeting and Conference in June as well as Fall and Winter symposiums.

## **DISCUSSION**

On September 22, 2023, alPHa released the draft Program for its fall symposium, being held on November 24, 2023, noting that the event would be held electronically. The draft Program was circulated to Members of the Board of Health to canvas for their interest in attending this event. Members were asked to respond to the expression of interest by no later than Thursday, October 19, 2023.

Chair Kitts, Vice-Chair DeGiovanni and Member Bauer indicated they were available to attend.

## **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no rural implications associated with this report.

## **CONSULTATION**

Board of Health Members were consulted on their desire and availability to participate.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal impediments to implementing the recommendation in this report.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk management implications associated to this report.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost per delegate is approximately \$400 to attend the virtual aPHa 2023 Fall Symposium and Board of Health Section Meeting. Funds are available within the Ottawa Board of Health operating budget.

## **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

There are no accessibility impacts associated with this report.

## **DISPOSITION**

The Board Secretary will process the registrations and advise aPHa of the Ottawa Board of Health representatives.